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Palace moves toward reconciliation with Erap

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Nikko Dizon

MALACAÑANG APPEARS TO BE GEARING UP to torpedo any looming opposition effort to form a united front in its continuing campaign to oust President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Presidential chief of staff Michael Defensor yesterday said he would resume his role as a "bridge" to deposed President Joseph Estrada.

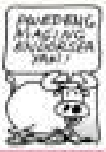
PALACE / A6

Court allows shoe lady to travel to HK

THE "QUEEN OF SHOES" Imelda Marcos met with the governor of the Northern Mariana Islands, who wants the world's largest shoe manufacturer based in Hong Kong to build a factory on Saipan.

She had lunch with

COURT / A2



Gore: Earth is now at risk, let's save it



THE MAN WHO WOULD BE PRESIDENT OF THE US. Former Vice President Al Gore arrives on his first-ever visit to the country Thursday to speak on global warming and the environment at the invitation of the RY (Alfonso Yuchengco) Foundation. The author of "Earth in Balance: Ecology and the Human Spirit," Gore is a fierce proponent of environmental protection.

2M need relocation if Manila Bay overflows

By Dacin L. Lacas

WARNING THAT THE world will reach the "tipping point" toward an ecological catastrophe within the next 10 years, former US Vice President Al Gore urged international and local leaders to focus their efforts toward halting the phenomenon of global warming.

Gore flew to Manila yesterday to address a group of several hundred political and business leaders as well as members of the diplomatic corps at the PCBC Plaza in Makati City on the dangers of neglecting the environment.

"We should be worried about threats like terrorism, but we should also be worried about other more important threats like the destruction of the environment," he told the group which included former President Fidel V. Ramos and several senators and congressmen.

President Macapagal-Arroyo arrived and exchanged pleasantries with Gore but left before his presentation.

Gore served as vice president under former US President Bill Clinton from 1992 to 2000, using his post to advocate major scientific initiatives and environmental issues.

GORE / A11

S&P upbeat on RP debt but Moody's pessimistic

By Doris C. Dumlao

STANDARD & POOR'S thinks the glass is half full, but Moody's Investor Service insists it's half empty.

Both international ratings agencies yesterday differed in their outlooks on the credit rating of the Philippine government. Standard & Poor's revised its outlook on Philippine debt to stable from negative, but Moody's retained its negative outlook.

S&P UPBEAT / A11

Pasig gov't, cops not off the hook

By Armand N. Nocum and DJ Yap

THE PASIG CITY GOVERNMENT UNDER Mayor Vicente Eusebio and its police force are not yet free of liability in the Feb. 4 stampede that killed 74 people and injured hundreds more, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said yesterday.

PASIG / A6

Lawmakers defer scrapping of VFA

By Philip C. Tubeza

A PHILIPPINE CONGRESSIONAL COMmittee yesterday announced that it would defer its move to scrap the Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA) and give the US six months to resolve a dispute over custody of four American Marines accused of rape.

LAWMAKERS / A11

EO 464 FUROR

Senate threatens to cite Cabinet men for contempt

By TJ Burgonio, Christine O. Avendaño and Michael Lim Ubac

THE SENATE IS THREATENING to cite for contempt Cabinet members who snub hearings on the proposed P1.05-trillion national budget for 2006.

SENATE / A11



PDI cartoonist awarded by UN media group

WINNER: Cartoon by Gilbert Daroy appeared in PDI on April 13, 2005. It won an honorable mention from the New York-based Lurie Political Cartoon Awards.

PDI CARTOONIST / A11

New DILG secretary's priority: Cha-cha

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS OF newly appointed Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno is to push for Charter change.

NEW DILG / A8

'NO SUCH THING'

No deal with Danding–PCGG

IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE HEAD OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COMmission on Good Government was just being perverse when he refused to answer questions from senators intent on uncovering a supposed compromise deal being hatched with controversial businessman Eduardo Cojuangco Jr. on the sequestered shares of the San Miguel Corp.

Compromise agreement



No witnesses: Senate cancels 'Hello Garci' hearing

SOUTH AFRICA CONFERENCE

Baptism of fire: Reyes makes pitch for RP mining



REYES



Baptism of fire

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PAL suspends flights to Laoag



2 discharged soldiers in Oakwood mutiny released



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Palace beginning to look and sound like Congress

Never a congressman

Nothing wrong

Corruption still biggest bane to Southeast Asian growth



Kin seek help for Pinay, 3 kids in Belgium slays

RP-China pact on extradition in effect in March

Power shortage in South –Napocor

By Abigail L. Ho

WHILE ALLAYING FEARS OF A POWER CRISIS in Luzon this year or the near future, the Department of Energy and National Power Corp. have both admitted gaps in the supply of electricity in the Visayas and Mindanao grids.

Napocor president Cyril del Callar said in a statement that the two grids had been experiencing supply problems the last few months.

According to Department of Energy forecasts, the Visayas grid is expected to grow at an annual average rate of 6.2 percent between 2006 and 2015, while the Mindanao grid is seen to grow at 6.5 percent.

Considering these numbers, the DOE said the critical years for the Visayas and Mindanao grids should start in 2008 and 2006, respectively.

Del Callar said that, for the long term, 71 megawatts (MW) of new capacity should be added in the Visayas grid by 2008, and another 57 MW to Mindanao in 2006, "if we are to avert a power crisis in these two grids."

With no new capacities coming on stream in the two grids the past few years, the DOE said several mitigating measures had been put or would be put into place to ensure that there would be no huge power shortfalls in the Visayas and Mindanao.

These include the ongoing strengthening of transmission systems on the islands, the transfer to Mindanao of several power barges, and the recommissioning of the new 210-MW Mindanao coal power plant by end-December, the DOE said.

Del Callar said the power supply in Mindanao was expected to get a big boost from the new coal-fired power plant, the first such facility in the grid.

In the Visayas, he said the Leyte-Cebu and Cebu-Mactan transmission line interconnection and uprating projects last year were expected to enhance the distribution of available power in the region, particularly the excess capacity from geothermal power-endowed Leyte.

Also, the construction of a 200-MW coal-fired power plant is ongoing in Naga, Cebu, a project of the second largest independent power producer, Kepco Philippines Corp., and [illegible]-based firm Salcon Power Corp.









Miriam: ABS-CBN may have to pay ₱200,000 each to families of dead

By Philip C. Tubeza

Reckless imprudence





Militants question cops

'Usual enthusiasm'

Pasig gov't, cops ...

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Varying needs

More people

Revillame

Sale of 2 sequestered TV networks may finally happen in 2 months



GARCIA

Sandigan junks plea to dismiss case vs Garcia

'Failure to prosecute'

Abueva says bishops misinformed on Cha-cha



ABUEVA

Change of heart

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Can't wait for Senate

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Estrada more formidable

New legal chief for speedy trial

Filipinos want performance

Inspired other countries

OVERSTAYING TENANTS

3 ex-generals face eviction from camps

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan



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The WORLD

Editor Lorenzo B. Ziga

US: Syria, Iran fanning cartoons rage

WASHINGTON—THE UNITED STATES ON Wednesday accused Syria and Iran of using the international row over cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed to incite anti-West sentiment and violence for their own purposes.



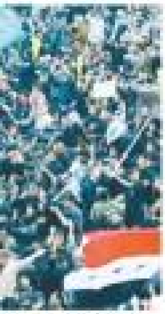
A MEMBER of the Temporary International Presence in Hebron reacts as she and dozens other international observers leave their offices after the most violent Palestinian protest yet against Danish cartoons. AP

Over 1B living on less than $1 a day

Iraq utilities worse off now than before US occupation



Coalition shrinking significantly



Now, it's Africa that's facing bird flu epidemic



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Haiti counts votes

Action on global warming

Abortion drug ban debate

Philippine Daily Inquirer
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Selfish society

Editorial

"As the people are, so is their government," Jose Rizal once wrote. [illegible]

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Drilon on 'Kiss Ass' and 'Con-Ass'

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ROUNDUP

Female cops deployed



Councilor charged

Village exec dead

Lumber seized

Fake cops nabbed



Gov't, MILF to work on backing for pact



Donsol mayor leads raid on illegal fishing vessel

Army says 10 NPA rebs killed in Quezon clashes

Aetas oppose entry of Korean resort

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REMEMBERING RIZAL

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Comelec order fuels tension in Tanauan City

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Kin of OFWs stranded in Riyadh seek help

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Senate threatens to cite Cabinet men for contempt

Investigation, not deliberation

SC urged to rule on EO legality

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S&P upbeat on RP debt but Moody's pessimistic

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And mining, too

Standing ovation

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Lawmakers defer …

Accused can go to Okinawa

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Court allows shoe lady …

Well-deserved title

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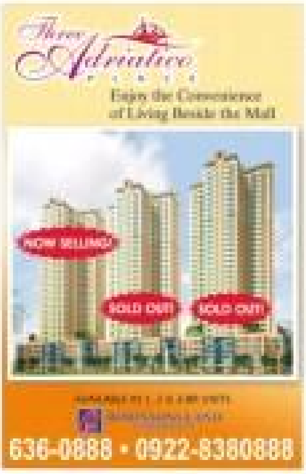
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Protesting truckers jam roads to NLEx







SPORTS

Editor Teddyvic S. Melendres



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Wizards avert sweep

By Joaseline W. Payo

MAGNOLIA CAME PSYCHED UP FOR A COMEback and blasted Rain or Shine, 80-70, yesterday to stay alive in the PBL Heroes Cup title series at the San Andres Gym.

Olympic gold hinges on big PSC budget

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Cantada-Tanpinco wrests lead

Erratic Giants seek to bounce back in Game 2



Wizards avert title sweep

WV bets out front after swim splurge



Sportswatch

Anniversary derby heats up today



A not so Lapid response

Commentary

No oversight, Ramos insists

Prince revs up Pistons; Wizards weave magic



PISTONS' Tayshaun Prince (right) tries to drive around Clippers' Quinton Ross during their NBA game.

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Breakthrough for women's billiards

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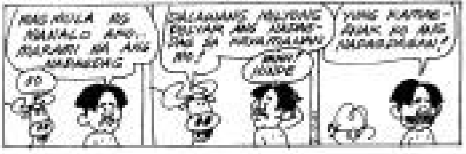
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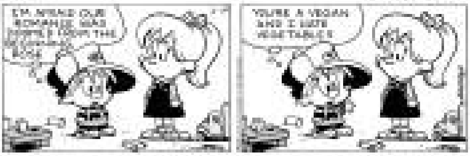


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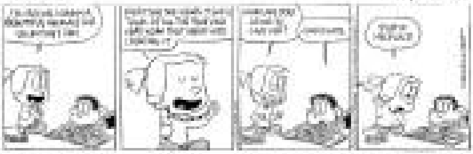


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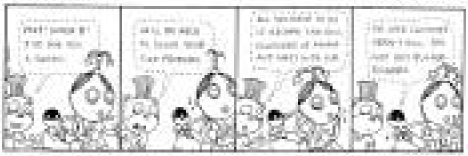
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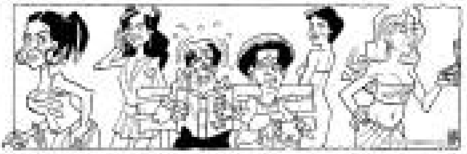
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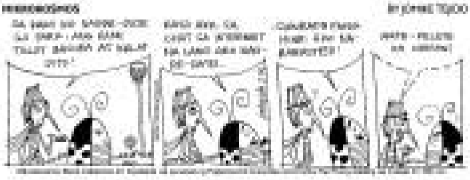
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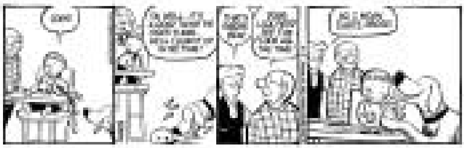
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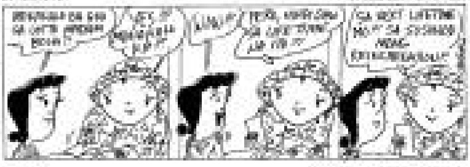
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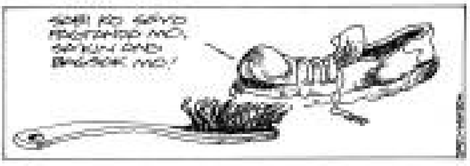
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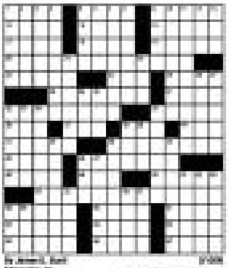


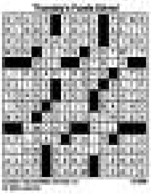
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STOCK MARKET



Shares close 1.1% higher

Vehicle sales grow by 20%

Rush to beat VAT hike pushed up demand in January

VEHICLE SALES GREW 19.9 PERCENT YEAR-ON-year in January due to the "last-minute" buying rush just before the value-added tax was hiked to 12 percent this month, according to an industry report.

Monetary Board retains key overnight rates



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Moody's call pulls back peso



Globe to tap $100-$150M in loans

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SM ads in Inquirer continue

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Electricity spot market opening to be delayed

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Electricity spot market opening to be delayed

PLDT stock rebounds

By Clarissa S. Batino and Daxim L. Lucas

PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE Telephone Co. yesterday regained more than half of the shareholder's value it lost the other day after the company assured stock fundamentals and finances would remain sound despite an increasing number of common shares in the market.

"We have recovered about P18.7 billion of market value today," PLDT chair Manuel V. Pangilinan said, as he downplayed the negative effects that the release of a large block of new common shares would have on the company's stock price.

PLDT's share price rose by P70 to close at P1,750 yesterday.

The country's largest telco firm lost almost P40 billion of its market value Wednesday when share price dropped by P130 to P1,680 apiece. The fall reduced PLDT's market value to P303.9 billion from P343.8 billion in a single day.

In the same time, Morgan Stanley downgraded its stock, saying that PLDT's earnings momentum would be capped by slower growth in the mobile phone sector.

"Morgan Stanley is of the opinion that PLDT shares are already fairly valued," said Florentino Mabasa, assistant corporate secretary PLDT. "We, however, believe that PLDT's share price is still trading below its regional peers and Phils stocks."

The company's reassurance helped assuage the market's fears sending the company stock price higher by P70 closing trading in the PSE.

CROSS RATES

February 8, 2006

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PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

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Shares close . . .

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Morgan Stanley downgrade.

The composite index gained 22.71 points at 2,083.45 after trading between 2,068.83 and 2,090.12.

Volume was 918.16 million shares worth P1.49 billion ($28.8 million).

The all-shares index was up 15.12 points at 976.33.

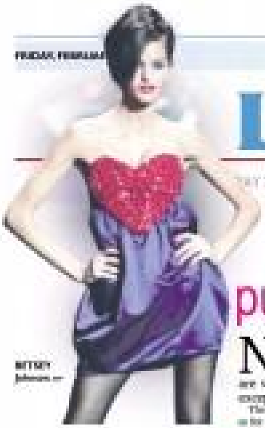
Gainers beat losers 53 to 28, with 52 stocks unchanged.

The peso was at 51.666 to the dollar as of mid-day. AFP

Moody's call pulls back peso

Coconut oil production to decline in '06, PCA says

LIFESTYLE



BETSEY Johnson

NY designers put spin on fall fashion

NEW YORK—Halfway through New York Fashion Week, the buzz is that next season will offer clothes that are wearable, fairly modest and simple—except for the occasional metallic outfit.

There have been a lot of daytime suits and shirtdresses for both working women and the ladies who lunch, and sweater coats to wear over them. Black and other dark autumnal colors dominate the palette.

However, no single look or designer has taken off as the must-have for fall.

Monique Lhuillier: Lhuillier's days as a bridal gown designer pay off whenever she goes into lace and tulle.



MONIQUE Lhuillier

NIKE OUTLET SCORES HIGH AT PASEO DE SANTA ROSA

If Nike says just do it, it meant every word. At least that was how this popular sporting brand made a niche in Sta. Rosa, Laguna. All it did was find a good spot to showcase its quality, markdown-priced shoes and gear. Greenfield City's commercial hub, Paseo De Santa Rosa turned out just perfect.

Says owner Miguel Coldran, "Actually, I looked for a place in the North like Baliwag but I was not able to find a place as great as Paseo De Santa Rosa. So, when a space was offered to me I grabbed it."

Just Nike

Nike is one among the pioneering outlet stores in Paseo De Santa Rosa. Coldran was only too happy the store easily picked up not only by customers in and around Sta. Rosa but Manila as well. "It was a pleasant surprise really. Initially, we thought we would only be catering to the local market. When Paseo De Santa Rosa suddenly became a shopping destination, it opened our store to a bigger market."

Paving the way for the opening of stores in Alabang and Lipa, Batangas, Coldran was adamant the one in Paseo De Santa Rosa ranks high in sales. "When I opened a store here, it was merely to sell our so-called dated products. It was more like a clearance house. Somehow, it became the most successful outlet store with sales comparable to Manila shops."

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A store bearing a simple yet distinctive swoosh at the entryway does not need the hype just to get noticed. A lot of local residents and transient shoppers usually make a routine stop here to check out what's available.

Coldran believes this so because it offered a lot of choices. "Most of the goods sold here come from our Manila stores so shoppers can choose from a wide array of footwear and apparel at discounted rates."

Bigger and Better Paseo De Santa Rosa. With Paseo De Santa Rosa's current expansion, Coldran feels confident it will create new opportunities not only for Nike but for other brands as well. "I'm very impressed at the way Greenfield Development Corporation is managing Paseo De Santa Rosa. Now that Nike is doing pretty well here, I am looking into opening fashion outlets to carry such brands like United Colors of Benetton, Sisley and Giorgio[illegible]."

Coldran is quite optimistic fashion brands will be equally successful. "If the development continues, I'm sure our fashion brand outlets will do extremely well at Paseo De Santa Rosa."

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In a candlelit cave, under the stars

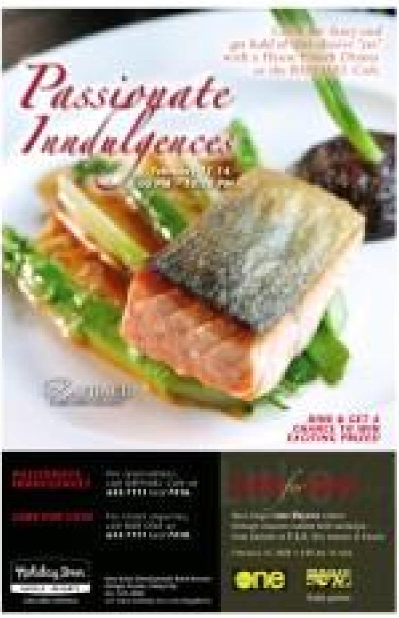


Cave cocktails

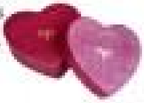
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CANDLELIT cocktails at the North Caverns Club Hub

In a candlelit cave, under the stars

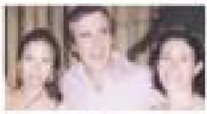
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LifeStyle







Fireworks over Boracay

Without Batting an Eyelash

Maurice Arcache



Photo by Alex Van Hagen using Kodak EasyShare

GRAND TOURS of 2006



BORACAY for New Year: Toys Bautista, Joanne Lobo, Malu P. de T and mother Violeta Villa Perez de Tagle with Gordon Y. Perez de Tagle, business magnate Peng Perez de Tagle with kids Ernesto and Raphael



BOULEVARD blondes: Diana B. Aviso and daughter Samantha, Elsa Bradford and daughter Vanessa Flynn with husband, English businessman Dudley Flynn, visiting from London



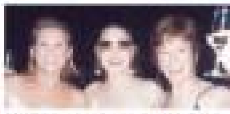
TOP restaurateur Louie Cruz with Steve, Ana Celis and baby



DIPLOMATIC SET: Pablo Garcia Moreno, Jackie Escot, Aurora Lopez Sagaz, Marilou Garcia Moreno, Spanish Ambassador Ignacio Sagaz and Sandra Escot



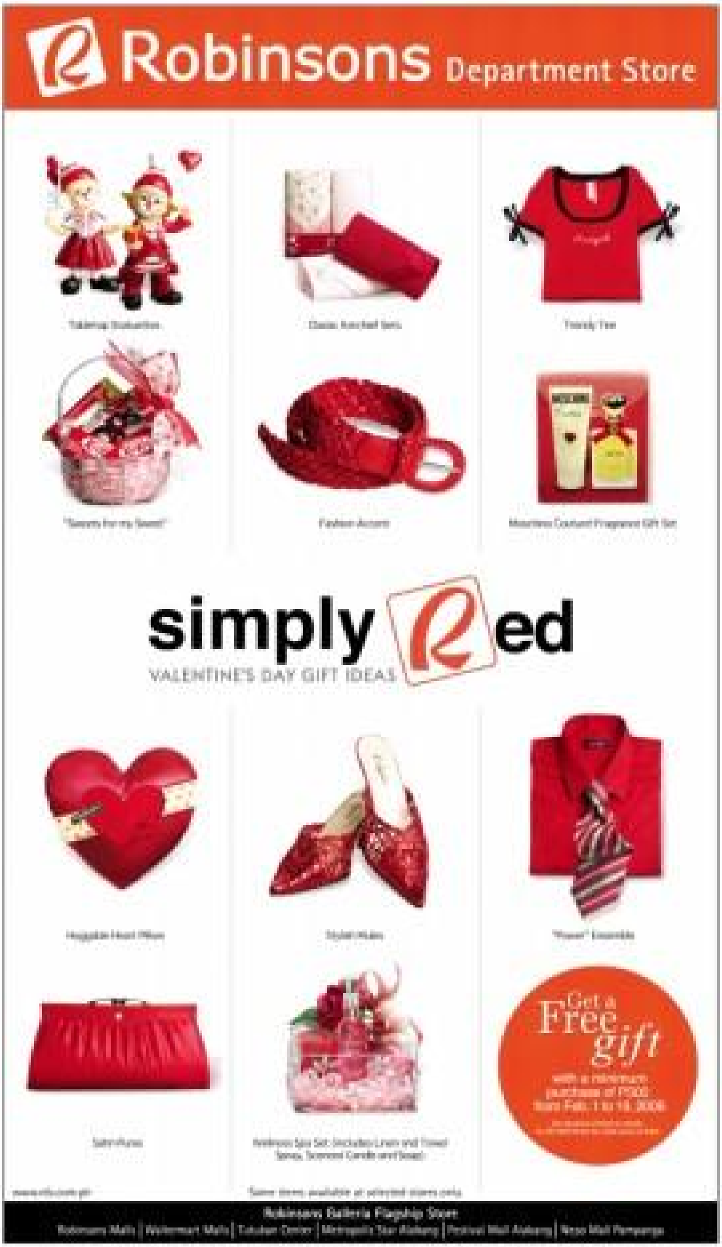
SANSONS from San Francisco: George, Jared, Lulu and Beth



BEAUTIFUL women: Carol Madlang, Vicky Zobel and Mindy Borromeo Perez Rubio

THE TINSCOS: Gorgeous Amanda and mom Carla Reyes, businessman Al Tengco and son Sandro

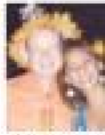




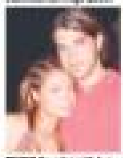
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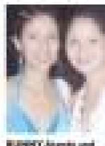
MARCOS Cardenas and husband, polo player and businessman Iñigo Zobel



REGULAR Life chair Ti... Aylkes and wife ... Annie Reyes Aylkes



PINKY Amador with her new beau, Antoine



BUNNY Angeles and Vicky and ... Christina Angeles



ARCHITECT Anton Mendoza, avid-bread ... creator Sigrid Djemal, Ani Hirado Ortiga, and beautiful couple Johnny Velasquez and Mariqui Mac...

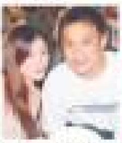


FUTURE beauties: Carolina Paloma Limpijo, Bianca Zobel, Mariana Zobel, Paola Zobel, Natalia Zobel and Sofia Somers



HEAVENLY BODY

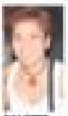
Rocco King, one of the hottest new stars in show b... endorser for the Bench/Body and the Bench/Inn... marketing advertising director Jonald Vagalla, ... CEO and president, King, who plays Antonio in char... QTV-11's "3R", a show that tackles women's issues... FHM magazine's September 2005 issue, ... blockbuster "Mga Legal Wife." She also plays Nat... "I Will Always Love You." She will next star in M...









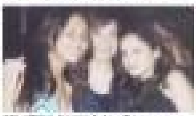








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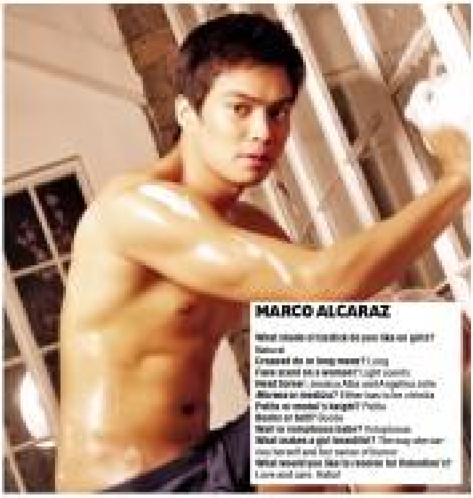


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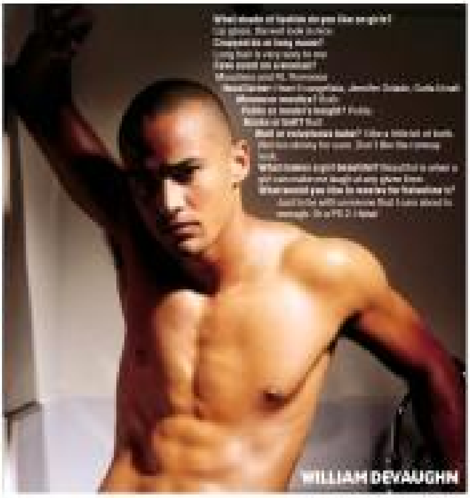
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What makes a girl beautiful? Confidence, not overconfidence. Someone who knows what she is doing.
What would you like to receive for Valentine's? Just a whole day of snuggling and eating in bed.

Beauty shoutout: Before a date, indulge yourself in a spa, then visit your fave salon for grooming. Have fun and make it special! —*Sunshine Dizon* (actress)



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Manhunt

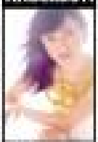
Men are turned on by different looks, varied anatomies



IAGO RATERTE

IT'S A JUNGLE OUT there! That was what I felt last Wednesday after not being in the party scene for more than five months. I felt lost and misplaced and ended up watching people checking out other people. And since Valentine's is around the corner, I became curious and I began asking my male friends what attracts them to women—physically, that is.

KNOCKOUT!



Ria Francisco-Prieto

The answers were varied. My friend once told me that he read that men were unconsciously drawn to girls that had full hips and big breasts as these subconsciously signified easy childbirth and abundant milk for their future kids. Hmmm... I wonder who concocted this theory? Some caveman, perhaps?

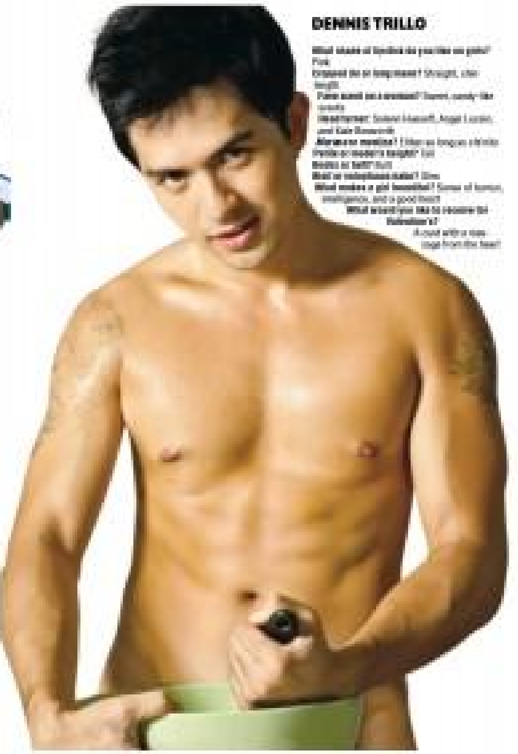
I asked my boyfriend what his type was and he said thin because he had taken into consideration the fact that girls would eventually gain weight. He said he also preferred girls with small breasts because eventually big breasts would inevitably suffer from the pull of gravity. Whew! Thank God for little favors.

In any case, I believe that everyone is beautiful and every girl is some lucky man's type. Oh, and it is true that beauty, after all that's been said and done, is inner. It's what's inside that really counts.

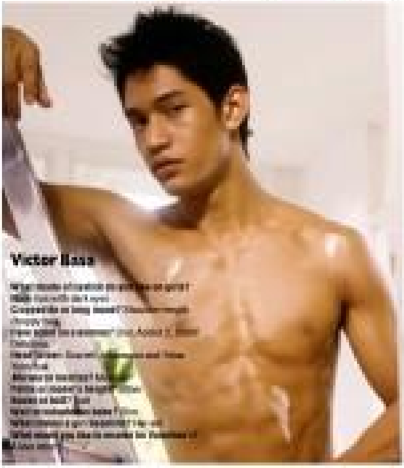
Just the same, here's a very special Valentine treat for you. My friend, Dustin Caine Pilla, Cosmopolitan magazine's fashion director, asked male centerfold models what made them take a second look. And with the permission of Summit Books, Cosmopolitan's EIC, I will be able to publish the pictures of the models for every single woman's delight.

Happy Valentine's!

E-mail me at [illegible]



DENNIS TRILLO



Victor Basa

V-Day choice giveaways

Because it doesn't always have to be roses

GEARING UP FOR FEBRUARY'S BIG DATE? Cosmo's beauty editor Mariel Chua dishes fabulous face and body treats for you and your man to try this month of hearts. Your V-day shopping trip starts here!



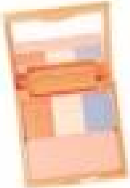
TIGI Bedhead Girl Toys shine serum, P1,490



TIGI Bedhead Treat Me Right peppermint hair mask, P1,490



CLINIQUE Turnaround 15-minute facial, P2,570



SHU Uemura limited-edition summer palette, P4,995



LANCÔME Juicy Rouge Palette (for lips) 2,995

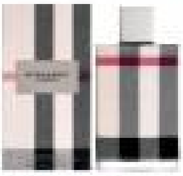
LANCÔME Color Focus and Juicy Rouge Palettes for eyes and lips, P2,995 each



L'ORÉAL Lumi Oil Smoothing Oil Essence 5, P900



TOMMY Hilfiger True Star for Men eau de toilette, 50 ml, P2,350



BURBERRY London Women eau de parfum 100 ml spray, about P4,900



ESTEE Lauder Pleasures Exotic eau de parfum 50-ml spray, P3,600



L'ORÉAL Studio Line Party Proof Extreme Hold water-resistant gel, P445



CLINIQUE Skin Supplies for Men Oil-Control Hydrator pore-minimizing formula, about P1,295



L'OCCITANE Eau des 7 Fleurs eau de parfum 50-ml spray, P2,355



ANNA SUI Eye Tint Stardom, P1,200 each

Bag giveaways are great cosmetic come-ons



MAKEOVER 911

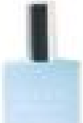


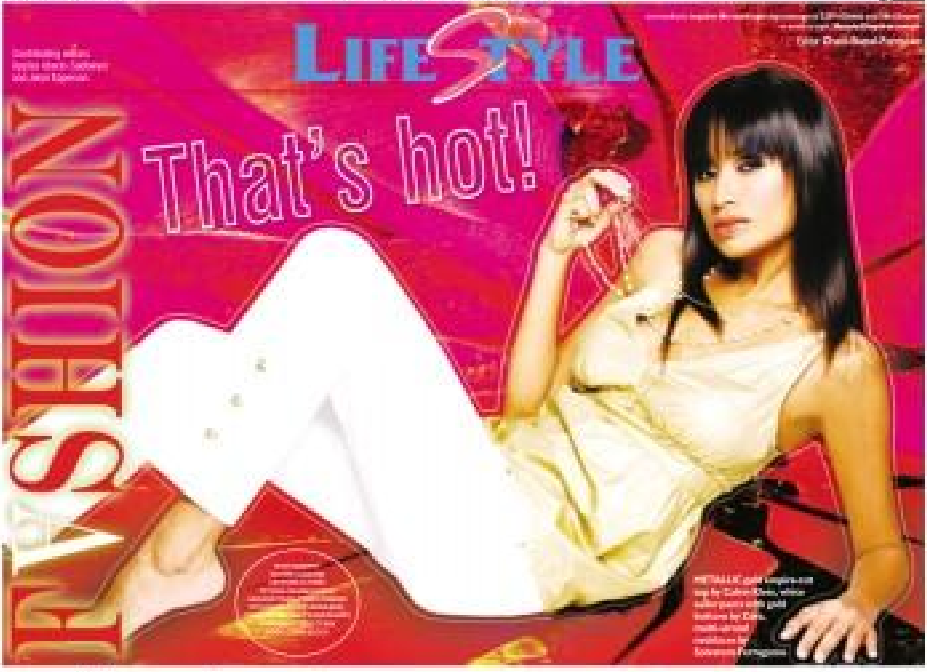


Lighter scents









The art of seduction

APPLES' PICKINGS



Apples Aberin-Sadhwani



SEDUCTION CAN BE elevated into an art form. It does not have to be out-there and in-your-face. You don't have to cross and uncross your legs a la Sharon Stone in "Basic Instinct" or look like Eva Mendes in "Too Fast, Too Furious" to get your man's pulse racing.

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Postcard-perfect romance

Do a virtual travel of the world's most romantic spots through intrepid fashion

Her heart's in San Francisco



Moonlight over Paris



Before sunset in Boracay



Under the Tuscan sun



By Allison W. Lopez

THERE'S SOMETHING about places like Paris and Venice that makes couples all cuddly and lovey, something that makes them want to go there for a honeymoon, a rendezvous, a celebration—like Valentine's.





Love, love, hooray for love

—Nietzsche

—D.H. Lawrence

—Joanne Woodward

"Gravitation can not be held responsible for people falling in love."

—Albert Einstein

"He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals."

—Benjamin Franklin

—Melanie Griffith, "Milk Money"

> "Love is being stupid together."
>
> —Paul Valery (French poet, essayist and critic, 1871-1945)

—Ingrid Bergman

"Love does not consist in gazing at each other, but in looking outward together in the same direction."

—Antoine de Saint-Exupery

—Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

—William Shakespeare

"Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies."

—Aristotle

"And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make."

—John Lennon and Paul McCartney

The art of seduction

If all else fails on Valentine's, simply slip into any of these darling little nothings.



"If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?"

—Unknown

FASHION

The Valentine gift-o-meter

True love, just bluffing or still testing the waters? The right present will say it best



By Gonzo B. Padilla
Contributor

TYPICALLY, AN OCCASION such as Valentine's Day leaves most men in confusion and in various states of discomfort because it compels them to choose THE gift.

True love

Unless you are married, your gift choices will still likely be analyzed for "commitment" value. Having gotten to this point, you need something that is thoughtful (it shows you still listen) or items with enduring qualities which may hint at permanence).







Portraits

Valentine's is a perfect excuse to engage in the not-so-subtle rules of style seduction



WIFE: "Ako legal wife!"

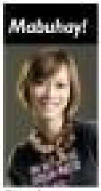


MISTRESS: "So what!"

s of a Valentine vixen

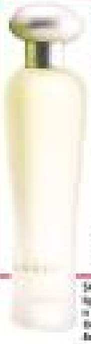


TURQUOISE ruffled top; Raja Laurel's turquoise necklace, bracelet and ring in 18k yellow gold setting, Jimmee's



Jenni Epperson

BEYOND ROSES AND BOWS of chocolate-covered cherries, red romance sparks from a black lace bra peeking out of the blouse, invisible panty lines, wearing nothing else but your husband's white button-down shirt, or better yet just a whiff of his favorite perfume (okay boys, you may drool now).





IF YOU'RE willing to shell out some moolah, an iPod Nano loaded with his/her fave songs would be a hit.



Still testing the waters

You've been dating but have not yet reached the crossroads. Think sweet.



AND if you're on a budget, a bunch of CDs is just as good. Imagine Nina, Aqualung and Sergio Mendes.

SOMETHING light and sweet is in order, like Origins Ginger Essence.

The Valentine gift-o-meter

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Too bluff

Let's be honest, most men have gone out with women (and vice versa) with just one thing in mind, fun and games. If this is where you find yourself, think fun and sexy.

What's safe: Lingerie



YSL Baby Doll for your babe!



JEWELRY always works but keep it casual not safe. Paloma's groove bracelet from Tiffany & Co.



IF YOU want to impress, Prada's nylon tote should do the trick.